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1. In November 1950, A Rumanian unit of 250 to 300 men was quartered in Braila (R 55/2 13), in low wooden barracks on the west bank of the Danube River, approximately at river kilometer mark 173. The unit trained practically every day with 30 to 40 pontoons, some of which were equipped with outboard motors. The soldiers of the unit wore uniforms which were quite similar to Soviet uniforms with black epaulets. Soviet tanks, parked in the area next to the quarters in November 1950, were no longer there in February 1951.
2. An engineer unit with black epaulets was quartered in five low wooden barracks north of those in paragraph one, about halfway between river kilometer marks 178 and 172. [redacted] North of the engineer quarters were the SRT (Soviet Rumanian Transport Company Shipyards).
3. The Rumanian post headquarters was in a villa on the west side of Bulevardul Stalin, south of Gradina Publica (People's Garden). The office building of the Securitate was on the opposite side of the same street. An office of the militia, with a prison in its yard, adjoined the Securitate building on the north.
4. In February 1951, Rumanian sentries were seen at the barracks installation of the former 4th Horse-Drawn Arty Regt north of Gradina Publica, on the east side of Strada Calati. This installation was vacated by Soviet troops between November 1950 and February 1951.

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